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SUBJ: KUDOS ON IMAM OF NDJAMENA IV GRANT

1. EMBASSY WISHES COMMEND DEPARTMENT, PROGRAMMING AGENCY AND ALL CONCERNED FOR FIRST-CLASS PERFORMANCE REGARDING RECENT IV GRANT OF CHAD MUSLIM LEADER, THE IMAM OF NDJAMENA.

2. SINCE HIS RETURN, IMAM HAS BEEN SINGING PRAISES OF U.S. TO ANYONE WHO WILL LISTEN, INCLUDING ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS FOR LARGE CONGREGATIONS OF MUSLIMS AT NDJAMENA'S IMPRESSIVE MOSQUE.

3. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH PAO, IMAM EXPANDED ON THEMES DEVELOPED REFTEL (A) INCLUDING "TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM", DEMOCRACY ("PEOPLE TALK ABOUT DEMOCRACIES, BUT THE ONLY TRUE DEMOCRACY IS THE U.S.") CHARACTER OF AMERICA ("UNIQUE IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD... THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANOTHER COUNTRY LIKE IT NOR WILL THERE EVER BE...").

4. PARTICULARLY TAKEN BY WHITE HOUSE TOUR AND STRUCK BY NUMBERS OF PEOPLE TOURING WHITE HOUSE ("FOR ALL THE PEOPLE... NOWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD COULD YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT.").

5. HAD HIGH PRAISE FOR ESCORT/INTERPRETER AND GENEROUS HOSPITALITY THROUGHOUT.

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6. INFO-TCHAD CARRIED WF USIA/IPS ARTICLE ON VISIT, AS DID

POST PUBLICATION VISAVIS.

7. EMBASSY WELL REALIZES DIFFICULTIES AND SENSITIVITIES INVOLVED IN VISIT AND THUS DOUBLY APPRECIATES FINE EFFORTS AND RESULTS.DWYER

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